THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) As a part of the Government's dialogue with industry with regard to affirmative action for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by the private sector, the Group of Ministries held extensive discussions with the Chambers/Federations of industries. To take forward and supplement the ongoing endeavours on this issue for a fruitful national dialogue leading to a time bound action programme, a Co-ordination Committee has been constituted on 9th October, 2006.

Scholarship to SC and OBC students

2838. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the eligibility criteria and the amount of scholarship provided to SC/ OBC students receiving pre-matric and post-matric scholarships, annually;

(b) whether Rajasthan has regularly been getting its due share;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of SC/OBC students benefited during the last two years and the current year;

(e) whether any request from Rajasthan Government in above context, is still pending;

(f) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and

(g) whether Government propose to increase the rate and annual income-ceiling limit for OBC for giving scholarship?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) OBC students whose parents/guardians' income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 44,500/- per annum are eligible for the pre-matric and post-matric scholarship.

In case of SC students, income limit of the parents/guardians's is Rs. 1,00,000/- per annum for post-matric scholarships. No pre-matric scholarship for SC students is given by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment but pre-matric scholarship is payable to children of those engaged in unclean occupations.

Amount of scholarship

Rate of pre-matric scholarship to OBC students varies from Rs. 25/- to 50/- per month for day scholar and Rs. 200/- to 250/- per month for hostellers.

Rate of post-matric scholarship to OBC students varies from Rs. 90/- to Rs. 190/- for day scholar and from Rs. 150/- to Rs. 425/- for hostellers and in case SC the rate varies from Rs. 140/- to Rs. 330/- for day scholars and Rs. 235/- to 740/- for hostellers per month, depending on the course of study.

In addition, charges of enrollment/registration, tuition, games, union, library, magazine, medical examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by scholar to the institution or University/Board are provided.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) 2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
(SC)	(SC)	(SC)
79905	20328	1940923(estimated)
(OBC)	(OBC)	(OBC)
1515590	1492165	1803146

(e) and (f) for OBC scholarships, no proposal is pending for this year.

A proposal for Rs. 57.15 crore for post-matric scholarships to SC students is under consideration.

(g) At present no proposal for increase in rate of scholarship to OBC students is under consideration.